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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: CVIS, PLO

SUBJECT: VISAS FOR PLO PARTICIPANTS IN UNGA DEBATE ON
PALESTINE QUESTION

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1. UNDER UN HEADQUARTERS AGREEMENT, US WILL ISSUE VISAS TO DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVES OF PLO WHICH HAS BEEN INVITED BY UNGA TO PARTICIPATE IN UNGA DEBATE ON PALESTINE QUESTION CURRENTLY SCHEDULED TO BEGIN WEEK OF NOVEMBER 4. IT IS OUR AIM TO POSTPONE ISSUANCE OF VISAS TO INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS PLO DEL UNTIL US CAN BETTER DETERMINE COMPOSITION OF PLO OBSERVER GROUP DESIGNATED TO PARTICIPATE IN DEBATE. IN ACCORDANCE WITH PAST PRACTICE IN DEALING WITH UN INVITATIONS TO NON-GOVERNMENTAL GROUPS TO APPEAR AT UN, WE BELIEVE BEST WAY TO DO THIS IS TO SEEK SYG'S ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING OFFICIAL LIST FROM PLO.

2. USUN SHOULD THEREFORE REQUEST SYG TO PROVIDE FOR US, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, A LIST OF INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE BEEN DESIGNATED AS PLO REPRESENTATIVES FOR PURPOSE OF PARTICIPATING IN PALESTINE DEBATE UNDER TERMS UNGA RESOLUTION 3210 (XXIX). USUN SHOULD INFORM SYG THAT OVERSEAS POSTS ARE BEGINNING TO RECEIVE VISA APPLICATIONS FROM INDIVIDUALS CLAIMING TO BE MEMBERS OF PLO. WHILE WE ARE PREPARED TO ISSUE VISAS TO PLO OBSERVER DELEGATION MEMBERS AND WHILE WE DO NOT WISH TO DELAY SUCH ISSUANCE, WE DO REQUEST LIST FROM UN OF DESIGNATED PLO REPRESENTATIVES. MISSION SHOULD ADD THAT HEAVY SECURITY RESPONSIBILITIES WILL HAVE TO BE FACED BY BOTH USG AND UN FOR PROTECTION OF THESE INDIVIDUALS.

3. YOU SHOULD EXPLORE ON CONFIDENTIAL BASIS WITH SECRETARIAT POSSIBILITIES OF LIMITING NUMBER OF MEMBERS PLO DELEGATION. WE HAVE RECEIVED REPORT PLO MIGHT SEND LARGE DEL, WHICH WOULD PRESENT US WITH VERY DIFFICULT SECURITY PROBLEMS. IT WOULD ALSO BE USEFUL TO OBTAIN FROM UN ITINERARY OF PLO REPRESENTATIVES IN ADVANCE OF THEIR ARRIVAL SO THAT US AND UN CAN MAKE ADEQUATE PROVISION FOR THEIR SECURITY.

4. USUN AND INFO ADDRESSES SHOULD ALSO BE GUIDED BY STATE 22891. KISSINGER

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